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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, One of the most prominent Members of the House of 1 Representatives of Texas, the Honorable Billy H. Williamson of 2 Tyler, will soon by retiring from a distinguished 10-year career 3 of legislative service; and 5 WHEREAS, First elected in 1964 to the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, in which he has since 6 completed five terms of office, Representative Williamson has been chiefly known to the press, to his fellow legislators, and to the people of this state both for his firm political beliefs and for his sometimes unorthodox mode of expressing them; and 10 11 WHEREAS, This moderate-conservative Representative from 12 Smith County was born 46 years ago in Natchitoches, Louisiana, 13 and attended Jonesboro High School and Hodge College before beginning his military service as a corporal in the United States 14 15 Marine Corps in 1946; and WHEREAS, After completing his active military service in 16 1948, Billy enrolled at Baylor University, where he received a 17 B.B.A. degree in 1952 and an LL.B. degree in 1954; from 1951 to 18 1956 he also served as a second lieutenant in the United States 19 20 Air Force Reserve; and WHEREAS, Representative Williamson was engaged in the private 21 22 practice of law for 10 years before being elected to the House

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number of standing and interim committees and has on countless 1 occasions responded to the call to vocalize his views or those

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WHEREAS, Representative Williamson's colleagues miss not having his particular brand of humor to liven up legislative proceedings but wish to take this opportunity to wish him continued happiness and success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 64th Texas Legislature, the Senate concurring, commend the Honorable Billy H. Williamson of Tyler for his 10 years of distinguished service as a Member of the Texas House of Representatives and congratulate him on being elected County Judge of Smith County; and, be it further

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that H.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the House on February 20, 1975, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I hereby certify that H.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the Senate on February 24, 1975.

Secretary of the Senate

March 6, 197

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